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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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Re: FOIA-2019-01233  
Records re: Social Media Executive  
Order Draft

Dear Mr. Sankin:

This is in response to your request dated August 23, 2019, under the Freedom of Information Act seeking access to all documents regarding communications between the FTC and the White House concerning the executive order being drafted on moderation bias on social media. In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records on September 6, 2019.

We have located 29 pages of responsive records. I am granting partial access to the accessible records. Portions of these pages fall within one or more of the exemptions to the FOIA's disclosure requirements, as explained below.

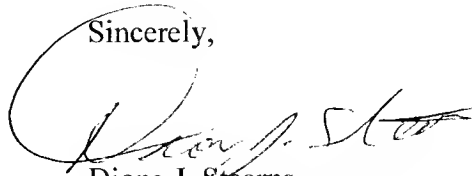
Some responsive records contain staff analyses, opinions, and recommendations. Those portions are deliberative and pre-decisional and are an integral part of the agency's decision making process. They are exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements by FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). See *NLRB v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132 (1975).

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may appeal by writing to Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20580, or via email at [FOIAAppeal@ftc.gov](mailto:FOIAAppeal@ftc.gov), within 90 days of the date of this letter. Please enclose a copy of your original request and a copy of this response.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from the FTC FOIA Public Liaison Richard Gold via telephone at 202-326-3355 or via e-mail at [rgold@ftc.gov](mailto:rgold@ftc.gov); or from the Office of Government Information Services via email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov), via fax at 202-741-5769, or via mail at Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740.

If you have any questions about the way we handled your request or about the FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Edison Thompson at 202-326-2965.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dione J. Stearns". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Dione J. Stearns  
Assistant General Counsel